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Public Safety Committee Testimony

Good morning Senator Osten, Representative Horn and distinguished members of the Public Safety and Security Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on some of the proposed legislation before you today. I offer my assistance, if needed, should these proposals move forward, always keeping in mind costs and efficient agency operations.

H.B 5305-AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR A FIREARMS DEALER WHO FAILS TO INSTALL A BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM ON THE PREMISES OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT

This bill is a proposal put forward by the Department. We are in full support of this legislation. This bill would give the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection the authority to adopt regulations to establish penalties for firearms dealers that fail to install an active burglar alarm system on the premises of their establishment pursuant to CGS 29-37d. Allowing the Commissioner to adopt these regulations will allow better enforcement of those dealers not in compliance.

H.B. 5307- AN ACT CONCERNING THE ROLE OF MUNICIPAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS IN FIREARM PERMITTING, TAKING OF FINGERPRINTS FOR CERTAIN OUT-OF-STATE FIREARM PERMIT APPLICANTS AND SUBMISSION OF PHOTOGRAPHS ACCOMPANYING FIREARM PERMIT RENEWALS

This bill is a proposal put forward by the Department. We are in full support of this legislation. This bill would:

1. Specify that a municipal chief executive officer performs certain functions regarding firearm permits when there is no chief of police. This is a technical fix to allow for the proper submission of fingerprints to the FBI.
2. Specify that the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection takes the fingerprints of certain out-of-state applicants for a firearm permit. This is a technical fix to allow fingerprint supported background checks for out of state pistol permit applications.
3. Eliminate the requirement that the photograph included with a form to renew a firearm permit be notarized or date stamped. As we begin to implement online pistol permit renewals, the photograph notarization requirement cannot be used with the new system. In it's place, a secure signature feature will be implemented that will allow applicants to attest to their information submitted with their renewal.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on these pieces of legislation.